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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Satoshi MATSUMOTO et al. ) Confirmation No.: 8192  
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Application No.: 10/518,392 ) Group Art Unit: 2859  
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Filed: July 25, 2005 ) Examiner: Gail K. Verbitsky  
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For: LASER PROCESSING APPARATUS, )  
LASER PROCESSING )  
TEMPERATURE MEASURING )  
APPARATUS, LASER PROCESSING )  
METHOD, AND LASER )  
PROCESSING TEMPERATURE )  
MEASURING METHOD )

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
**Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment**  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") is being filed after the events recited in § 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a Final Action, a Notice of Allowance, or another action that closes prosecution in the above-referenced application. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this IDS is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00, as specified by § 1.17(p).

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A Japanese Office Action dated July 17, 2007 that issued in a patent application and having documents cited therein is attached for the Examiner's consideration.

The relevance of the attached foreign language documents can be understood from the attached English-language abstracts, and/or from the citation of the documents in the attached Japanese Office Action dated July 17, 2007.

Except as discussed below, the cited documents are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 and copies of the cited documents are also attached hereto.

While the Japanese Office Action dated July 17, 2007 additionally cites to JP 5-261576, this document is not listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 because it was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement in this application on July 25, 2005.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

**EXCEPT** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including

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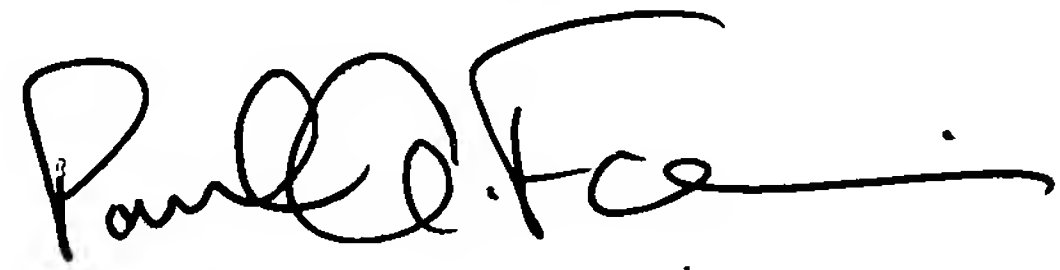
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Respectfully submitted,

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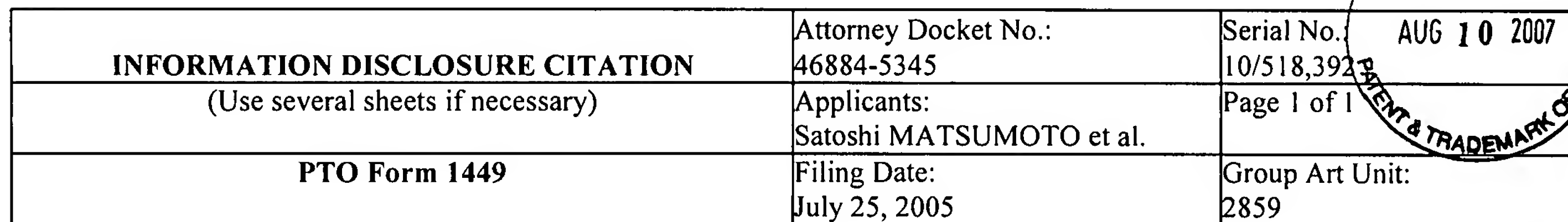
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